

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. Sovromlemn, Bacau is a district branch of Sovromlemn, Bucharest. Whereas other Sovromlemn enterprises fell the timber and cut it, the Bacau branch has no felling areas but is responsible only for a number of sawmills. These are: Three sawmills at Bacau with five frame saws each, one mill at Serdaru near Galati with three saws, one mill at Cosmesti near Tăcuși with three saws, and one sawmill at Braila with five saws. The enterprise employs 45 office workers and an unknown number of workers in the sawmills. According to the 1951 plan the sawmills at Bacau were to process a total of 60,000 cubic meters of lumber during the year. All first quality timber is exported, and the inferior qualities go to Sovromconstructia for building purposes and to the Sfaturile Populare (city councils) for local work.
2. The Soviets have claimed the forests in the Bistrita Valley, including those formerly belonging to Prince Nicolae in Brosteni and to Princess Ghica Comanesti in Comanesti, ancient forest areas where there had been no felling for centuries. The transport of timber down the Bistrita by raft is much cheaper for the Soviets than transport from other districts. Logging is carried out on the Bistrita only for Sovromlemn. From March to October logs are sent downstream from Bacau to supply the Sovromlemn mills with material for the whole winter.
3. Because all state enterprises in Rumania have been ordered to establish farms to supply their canteens, Sovromlemn has acquired a farm of 50 hectares, where vegetables and cereals are grown and where about 1,000 pigs as well as cows and other livestock are kept.
4. The Securitate supplies a special courier service between Sovromlemn, Bacau and Sovromlemn, Bucharest for the transmission of confidential messages. The head of the service, a Party member named Cohn (fnu), and the general manager, Kalman Sici, are responsible for the messages, which apparently contain information on the staff of the company and on production and delivery.

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5. The sawmill at Comanesti, the largest in Rumania, was handed over by Sovromlemn to IPEIL, the Ministry of Forestry's industrial department.

6. The following personalities are known:

a. Cohn (fmu), head of the special courier service of Sovromlemn. Bacau.

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b. Rudich (fmu), technical engineer.

c. Kalman Sici (also called Kalamán), general manager.

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